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### **CNMI Customs Receives Aid from CQA Counterparts**

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs Service of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) have received their first shipment of provisions from the Customs and Quarantine Agency employees.

Captain R. Blas and CQII C. McDonald led to organize the collection, staging, and shipment of supplies which were sent out on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and received by CNMI Customs Service on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The shipment included: water, portable gas stoves, butane fuel, non-perishable food items and other miscellaneous goods.



*Officers of the CNMI Customs Service assess supplies received from Guam counterparts.*

CQII McDonald states, “After witnessing the destruction Super Typhoon Yutu brought upon our brothers and sisters of the CNMI, we knew we had to organize and send assistance immediately.”

Acting Director of Customs, George L. Charfauros, Jr. adds, “I informed my command staff in last week’s meeting to put the word out to all CQA employees that if they wished to send assistance to the CNMI they could drop off at the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense offices in Agana Heights for staging and shipping. They informed me that we were accepting employee donations and had already coordinated shipping for November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am glad to be a part of an organization that is quick to offer assistance.”

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